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Subject: Your submission for Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy

1. Information on confidentiality and privacy

I give my permission for my submission to be publicly available on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website.:

Yes

I would like my personal details to be kept confidential.:

Yes

2. Your details

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Name:

[REDACTED]

Address:

[REDACTED]

Contact phone number:

[REDACTED]

Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?:

No

Are you an individual or representing an organisation?:

Individual

3. Organisation or business details

Who do you represent?:

If you selected Government, please clarify.:

If you selected Peak representative organisation, please clarify.:

4. Draft Regional Water Strategy objectives and vision Do you support this vision for the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy? :

Yes

If no, please outline your vision for the long term management of water resources in this region?:

5. Information and modelling used to develop the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy Do you have any comments about the information used to develop this strategy?:

Please provide details if there is

additional information you think we should consider?:

6. Stochastic modelling method

Do you have any comments about the modelling method used to develop this strategy?:

Is there any additional information that you believe could help us assess the benefits and disadvantages of draft options?:

7. Opportunities and challenges for water management in the Far North Coast region

Do you have any comments on the opportunities, risks and challenges identified?:

I think that the second dot point above, "Towns, communities" is the crux! Are there any additional opportunities, risks and challenges that we should consider and what options could address these?:

8. Draft Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy options

Which five (5) options do you think are most important?:

1. New Dam on Byrrill Creek, 2. A grid off-stream water storages in the Far North Coast Region, 3. Address cold water pollution, 4. Remove impediments of water reuse projects, 5. New Dunoon Dam on Rocky Creek

Please comment on why you think these options are most important? :

For the Tweed, a new dam on Byrrill Creek will have better land use outcomes as opposed to raising the Clarrie Hall Dam. The latter will further inundate prime agricultural land. The other options listed above will complement the overall strategy.

Which five (5) options do you think are least important? (If any):

1. Decentralised desalination, 2. Regional desalination, 3. Raise Clarrie Hall Dam level, 4. Planning for climate change impacts on coastal groundwater resources. Please comment on why you think these options are least important? :

It has been shown that desalination is not cost effective especially when the Northern Rivers Region usually has up to a metre of rain annually that currently now mainly flows out to sea. Forever the climate has continued to change; in the 1970s there was a general warning of an expected ice age! With limited resources, there are more important issues to be addressed.

Do you have any comments on the draft options?:

The part statement on the Byrrill Creek option "The proposed inundation area is an area of high biodiversity and is home to a number of threatened flora and fauna species" is moot. When this site was purchased it was

degraded agricultural land consisting primarily of lantana and tobacco bush. The biodiversity change is a direct result of the Council establishing a hardwood species plantation for a short term financial gain.

9. Option combinations

Do you have any thoughts on how the options could be combined with other options?:

Are there additional options that we should consider?:

10. Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the Far North Coast Regional Water Strategy?:

A good easy to read document that succinctly outlines the Strategy 11. Referral

How did you hear about the public exhibition of this strategy?:

Newspaper